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Sir:

Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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Application no. JP 10-263661 which corresponds to the above identified U.S. application. A copy of the July 22, 2004 official action of the Japanese Patent Office is also enclosed herewith.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the items are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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